

ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

5:30 PM

Monday, October 19, 2015

City Hall, Wing Rooms 119 & 120

Meeting was audio-recorded.

(a) Call to Order & Roll Call

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 PM by Chair P. Allen

Roll Call:

Present: Peter Allen (Chair), Nicholas Adams (arrived at 5:42 p.m.), Lynne Brown, Roma Dawson, Albert Le, Leanne Lindelof, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Freya Seeburger, Ramona Snyder

Commission Council Liaison: none

Absent: none

City Staff attending: Jennifer Easton (OCA), Lynn Rogers (OCA); Tina Iv (OCA); Tammy Turnipseed (OCA), Omar Torres (District 5)

(b) Announcements

(1) From the Public: None

(2) From Commission members

- (a) R. Snyder reported on the RFK performance at San Jose Stage. She also reported on Viva CalleSJ.
- (b) R. Dawson reported on attending Viva CalleSJ. She also commented on attending the San Jose Downtown Association annual meeting.
- (c) L. Brown reported on the Silicon Valley Ballet's performance. She noted that Millicent Powers came up on stage to acknowledge the Commission and did a public thank you for the support of the ballet.
- (d) A. Le reported on his performance at the Viva CalleSJ event noting that he performed with another group in front of an exhibition set at the Little Saigon Grand Century Mall.
- (e) R. Muriera reported on the public fundraising event which was for a public art exhibition at the Brazilian Blowout Bar. He noted the piece was a mural being painted on the side of the wall. He also reported his attendance to the Viva CalleSJ with his family at the Parque de los Pobladores.
- (f) R. James reported on the Silicon Valley Ballet.
- (g) L. Lindelof reported on the Silicon Valley Ballet. She also commented on attending the Symphony Silicon Valley's performance. She reported on her attendance at the annual meeting for San Jose Downtown Association meeting.
- (h) Chair Allen reported on the performance of Las Cafeteras, with Diana Gameros opening at MACLA. He also enjoyed the festivities at Viva Calle SJ. Chair Allen reported that Teatro Vision had a successful opening weekend of "Marcario" and it was well attended. He also noted that several Councilmembers and OCA staff attended the opening as well.

(c) ACTION: Approval of Minutes for meeting of September 21, 2015

Approved with changes.

1. Item c: R. James abstained from vote.
2. Item 2.e.: T. Morrill corrected spelling of Katrina Loera's name.

Mvd/2nd: R. Muriera/ L. Brown; Passed 10 yes; 0 no.

(d) Council Liaison's Report

Omar Torres (D-5 staff member) provided a brief report on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco. He announced that on October 22, 2015 City Council will be proclaiming October as National Arts and Humanities month at 1:30 p.m.

(e) Chair's Report

- (1) Chair Allen acknowledged Commissioners and OCA staff for all of the assistance with Cornerstone of the Arts event. He noted the recipients were very humble on receiving the award and it was a fantastic event. Chair Allen also acknowledged N. Adams for coordinating with CreaTV on making the video for the recipients. N. Adams acknowledged CreaTV for all of their hard work in creating the video for the recipients. R. Dawson also acknowledged Commissioners for welcoming guests at the door.

(f) PRESENTATION: San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles

Presentation was made by Joan Phillips, Executive Director

(g) PRESENTATION: Illuminating Downtown Update

Presentation was made by Jennifer Easton, Director of Public Art.

(h) Executive Committee

- (1) R. James provided a reported on the upcoming retreat. He also encourage Commissioners and public to attend the Executive Committee meetings.
- (2) Chair Allen outlined current retreat agenda items. He requested other Commissioners to provide their ideas and topics for the retreat.

Chair Allen commented on the Cornerstone of the Arts Event item to take the event to a higher level by adding categories to make it signature event for the arts community that shows off the Commission. A number of Commissioners commented favorably on the proposed agenda items.

R. Dawson requested an update on the City Council mid-year Budget status; Chair Allen agreed with R. Dawson's request.

N. Adams appreciated the outline of the retreat, would like to spend some time notion of advocacy, and would like to explore that again. Also, he commented on the Cornerstone of the Arts.

N. Adams commented on advocacy and community relations. He requested clarification on what items the Commission needs to approve or endorse before it goes out to the public. He commented that it would be a good practice to routinely send thank you letters out for a range of things including the monthly presentations at Commission meetings and this should be promptly done; are there things on which the Commission can blanket endorse at the very beginning of the year such as thank you or condolence letters?

(3) ACTION: Take action on recommendation to send a letter of condolence regarding deceased artist Antonio Ramos

Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson/ R. Snyder; Passed 11 yes; 0 no.

(i) Public Art Committee

- (1) Committee Chair T. Morrill provided topics for the upcoming meeting.

(j) Standing Reports

- (1) Office of Cultural Affairs

- (a) J. Easton, Director of Public Art presented the monthly report from the Office of Cultural Affairs.
- (b) Announcements:
 - (i) Announced that on October 27th, City Council will be proclaiming October as Arts and Humanities month.
 - (ii) Announced that on January 27, 2016 California Arts Council will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in Sacramento with a gala. Roy and PJ Hirabayashi will be at the event.
 - (iii) Announced Creative Industries Incentive Fund deadline is on November 6th.
 - (iv) Announced the Knight Cities Challenge has not yet closed. Knight Cities Challenge is where innovators can submit an idea in regards to creating the city a better place.
 - (v) Announced that a dedication will be held for Lupe the Mammoth on October 22nd.
 - (vi) T. Morrill noted that the FOG pilot project is rolling out.
 - (vii) N. Adams noted fostering destinations in San Jose. He acknowledged Tammy Turnipseed and her team for fostering so many events in the City of San Jose. He also noted that arts and cultural scene are branded through the events.

(2) Arts Commission Liaisons

- (a) City Hall Exhibits Committee – R. James had no report.
- (b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – A. Le reported is was a light meeting, not much yet. Chair Allen noted for an update on the panoramic artwork.
- (c) Silicon Valley Creates – R. James had no report. He noted that Silicon Valley Creates is going to present in January on their projects.
- (d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – L. Lindelof had no report.
- (e) San Jose Downtown Association – R. Snyder reported on San Jose Downtown Association's process to reactivate St. James Park and the Levitt Pavilion. She commented that safety is their priority in downtown San Jose. She also reported on the crosswalk project. N. Adams announced that Downtown Ice is opening soon. Kristi Yamaguchi will be sponsoring the event again with Hawaiian Airlines on Nov 13. N. Adams also announced that a new logo has been unveiled to promote San Jose Downtown. He noted that the logo is championed by Dan Pulcrano at Metro and the logo is meant to be used by any individual, group of people, company, or an organization to help promote and cobrand downtown San Jose.
- (f) Team San Jose – R. Dawson reported Team San Jose's new and improved website.

- (k) Public Forum.
None.

- (l) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM by Chair P. Allen

Minutes recorded by T. Iv (OCA)